

Review of Book Five, Scott, Newcomb, Winslow, Knox; Real Steam Power Series, George Thomas Kimmel, III, series editor.

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Ken Helmick has gathered and presented a great amount of detail regarding the lives and accomplishments of the workers in the automotive application of steam power.

The trail of the lives of these gentlemen engineers is fascinating in the complexity of interactions that leads to the fruition of the work. The cross pollination of ideas, and mechanical details is enormous.

Heavily illustrated with details from publicly available patents, photographs and well researched periodicals this work ties together the lives and accomplishments of these men giving the reader a solid sense the accomplishments attained.

The real essence of this series is to present the reader a firm grounding in the realm of small-scale steam plant design, landing solidly between the model live steam locomotive and the agricultural traction engine, with images of boilers, engines and most importantly boiler controls. Though lacking detailed design, these patent images are a great source for the amateur's quest for guidance.

If you are at all interested in the subject of mobile steam power, this series is a must have.

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